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SUBJECT: VISIT BY USDA ECONOMIC RESEARCH OFFICER

REF: PRAGUE 1956

1. FEDERAL MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HAS JUST ADVISED EMBASSY THAT BECAUSE OF PREOCCUPATION WITH PREPARATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 13-23 CMEA AGRUCULTURAL CONFERENCE IN PRAGUE, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE CHRISLER DURING SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 9-15 VISIT OR TO PROVIDE ANY ASSISTANCE WITH VISIT. MINISTRY WILL BE PLEASED TO ASSIST IF VISIT CAN BE RESCHEDULED FOR LATE SEPTEMBER OR SUBSEQUENT PERIOD.

2. LACK OF MINISTRY COOPERATION WOULD OBVIOUSLY CRIMP USEFULNESS OF VISIT SEVERELY. EMBASSY COULD PROBABLY ARRANGE MEETING WITH KOOSPOL FOREIGN TRADE COMPANY, BUT FACT THAT KOOSPOL IS STILL RECOVERING FROM MAJOR FIRE WHICH DESTROYED THEIR OFFICES (PRAGUE 1973) COULD WELL RESULT IN MEETING WHICH WOULD BE LONG ON GOODWILL BUT SHORT ON INFORMATION. ANOTHER POSSIBLE MEETING IN ORIGINAL TIME PERIOD WOULD BE VISIT TO RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF FEED INDUSTRY AND SERVICESAT PECKY, NEAR PRAGUE; EMBASSY DOES NOT EXPECT RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR VISIT TO PECKY UNTIL LATER THIS WEEK.

3. ON BALANCE, BELIEVE VISIT WOULD BE MOST PRODUCTIVE IF HELD WITH COOPERATION MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, AND WE THEREFORE RELUCTANTLY SUGGEST VISIT BE RESCHEDULED IF POSSIBLE.

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